Target fixed and achievement under NFSM

1568. SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Food Security Mission has attained its target fixed for foodgrains production;

(b) if so, the details including the target fixed and attained as on today on various foodgrains, category-wise, foodgrain-wise and State-wise; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor and steps taken to attain the target?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA): (a) to (c) The Centrally Sponsored Scheme National Food Security Mission (NFSM) has been launched with effect from Rabi, 2007-08 in the country to enhance the production of rice, wheat and pulses by 10, 8 and 2 million tonnes, respectively by the end of XI Plan. For the year 2007-08, an indicative target of additional production of 1 million tonnes of rice, 2 million tonnes of wheat and 0.3 million tonnes of pulses has been fixed.

The Mission aims at increasing the production of rice and wheat through productivity enhancement and of pulses through area expansion.

Various intervention of NFSM relate to demonstration of improve production technology distribution of quality seeds of HYVs and hybrids, support of micro nutrients, gypsum, line application, zero tillage, rotavators, weeders and other farm implements, Integrated Pest Management, Integrated Nutrient Management, water lifting and moisture saving devices, capacity building of farmers & trainers, publicity including awards for best performing districts. Besides, the pilot projects on community generators, management of blue bulls and demonstration of ICRISAT technologies would also be implemented.

During the year 2007-08, an allocation of Rs. 400.00 crores has been made to implement the above internventions in rabi/summer rice, wheat and pulses. The implementations of these interventions are on the course of achieving the targets.

Needs to tackle farm sector challenges

1569. SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA:
PROF. ALKA BALRAM KSHATRIYA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Prime Minister while speaking at a seminar on 'Agriculture Revolutions, Inclusive Growth and State Policies' at New Delhi has recently stressed the need to tackle farm sector challenges;

(b) if so, the details of discussion held at the seminar and outcome thereof; and

(c) whether Government has since taken/proposes to take steps to boost the production of foodgrains and also to ensure that farmers in the country are provided with best inputs?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA): (a) Yes, Sir.